

Jakub Kujawinski, “Annales Beneventani”,
Encyclopedia of the Medieval Chronicle,
R.G. Dunphy ed.
(Brill, Leiden and Boston 2010), 55–56

Annales Beneventani

[Breve chronicon monasterii S. Sophiae Beneventi; Chronicon Beneventanum, a. 781–1113]

8th–12th century. Italy. Latin monastic and regional chronicle from Benevento, in three redactions. The three versions are: A.1 written between 1113–18 (covers the years 787–1113); A.2 written in 1119 (from Incarnation to 1128), A.3 written between 1107 and 1118 (covers the years 1096–1130). All were probably copied directly from Paschal tables containing marginal annotations (a form that A.3 still presents), which must have been gradually written down since the foundation of the abbey (2nd half of the 8th century).

These notes reflect a strictly Beneventan perspective in the different periods. They are framed by the succession of the *principes* of Benevento for the period of the independent principality and on papal succession from the mid-11th century Byzantine emperors are systematically enumerated until the 9th century, while Charlemagne and his successors, if mentioned, are considered *reges*, as are the German emperors (with few excep-

tions). From the turn of 10th century the entries are more detailed and the perspective broadens. Relatively little attention, however, is given to the abbey itself. A.2, together with a collection of canons and a catalogue of Beneventan rulers, accompanies the cartulary of Sancta Sophia.

All redactions survive in contemporary manuscripts originating from Sancta Sophia. Redaction A.1: Vatican, BAV, vat. lat. 4928, fol. 1^r–8^v; A.2: BAV, vat. lat. 4939, fol. 1^r–15^v; A.3: Naples, BN, VI E 43, fol. 17^r–18^v.

Bibliography

Text: O. BERTOLINI, “Gli Annales Beneventani”, *Bullettino dell’Istituto Storico Italiano e Archivio Muratoriano*, 42 (1923), 1–159 [all redactions synoptically]. J.-M. MARTIN, *Chronicon Sanctae Sophiae* (cod. Vat. Lat. 4939), 2000 [A.2 only].

Literature: L. CAPO, “Le tradizioni narrative a Spoleto e a Benevento”, in *I Longobardi dei ducati di Spoleto e Benevento. Atti del XVI Congresso internazionale di studi sull’alto medioevo*, 2003, 252–62. *RepFont* 2, 253–4.

JAKUB KUJAWINSKI